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Messina, July 3.

THE Men of War who arrived last here, under the command of the Sieur *du Quesne*, have not as yet attempted any thing. The Soldiers transported on board them, were upon review had of them, found to amount to 2500 Foot, and 400 Horse effective; which addition of strength having rendred the Duke *de Vivonne* much superiour to the Spaniards in number, he has resolved to employ them suddenly in some action of importance. The Troops that marched hence, are returned to *Taormina*, which place the French have demolished, leaving only such a number of Men in the Mole, as they judged sufficient to guard that Pass. A party of the Garison of *Ibici*, going to receive the Contributions, being met by several Boors, who way-laid them, after a brisk resistance, were forced to retire to their Garison without executing their design, and the loss of the greatest part of their Companions. Here are at present in Port 22 Men of War, which if the Spaniards and Dutch come forward, will be encreased to 36 Sail.

Vienna, July 29. The Rebels in *Hungary* having absolutely rejected, with circumstances of much contempt, the offer of a free Pardon made them by the Emperor, and encreasing daily in their numbers, his Imperial Majesty has sent orders to the Governor of *Gomorre*, to visit the frontier places, and to return him a speedy account of the condition in which he finds them. In the mean time three Regiments belonging to the Elector of *Saxe*, are ordered to march forthwith to *Hungary*, to reinforce the frontier Garisons which are most exposed; and yesterday a Messenger was sent to the Bassa of *Buda*, to make complaint to him of the succors and protection the Rebels have lately received from several places under his Government, and to know whether the same was done with his knowledge, and if not, that then he would severely punish the persons offending, according to the Grand Signiors orders to that purpose. Yesterday General *Strassoldo* arrived here from *Upper Hungary*, and having received the Moneys promised him for the payment of his Troops, will return thither again to his command. Process is framing against the two Strangers who lately burned a Village some Leagues from hence; they have already confessed several things, which give us jealousie enough to suspect the sincerity of friendship and professions of the Turkish Bassa's in *Hungary*. This day the Baggage of General *Lesley* parted hence towards *Denmark*, and on Friday next he himself purposes to follow it. The Emperor has given out Commissions for the raising of several new Regiments, which are to remain always in his Hereditary Countrys, and to be employed only for their defence, and has likewise issued a Placaert, that every tenth man throughout them be ready to march on all occasions.

Metz, Aug. 8. The first instant the Duke of *Lorrain*, having marched with his Army in sight of *Stenay*, came and encamped that afternoon at *Sailly* near *Carignan*; that night he decamped again, and arrived at *Mouson*, which he passed with several Squadrons of Horse and his Artillery, to secure the making of a Bridge over the *Meuse*; but the Mareschal *de Crequi* advancing with his Army to *Inor*, obliged the Germans to repass the River with their Cannon, the 2d instant they continued in their Posts; the 3d instant his Majesties Army encamped at *Inor*, enlarging their quarters as high as *Pouilly*; the 4th, the Armies were all the day drawn up in Battalia, though nothing but skirmishes passed between them; the 5th, the Enemies finished their Bridge over the *Meuse*. The Mareschal *de Crequi* hath built a Redoubt near *Pouilly*, which incommodes much the left Wing of the Enemy, and hath laid a Bridge over the *Meuse* between *Inor* and *Martincourt*, and possessed himself of a Ford in the River, where two Squadrons of Horse may pass in front.

From the Camp at Inor, *Aug.* 9. The Imperial Army continues still encamped near *Mouson*, without having sent any party on this side of the *Meuse*. This morning they began to move a little, and seem to bend their march towards *Namur*, to cover the Siege of *Charleroy*. The Mareschal *de Crequi* has sent 400 Horse to the Governor of *Sedan*, the Garison of which place has within these few weeks taken above 600 prisoners.

Brussels, Aug. 10. On Saturday our great Convoy from hence arrived at the Camp before *Charleroy*. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* having already appointed the several Posts to his Infantry, marked out the Lines, and caused the Pioneers to work with all diligence upon them; we hope the Siege will advance apace, and that the Batteries will be all ready, by that time the great Cannon and Mortars, which part hence to morrow, shall arrive at the Camp. On Friday the Spanish and Confederate Troops, consisting in 12000 Foot, and 10000 Horse, under the command of the Duke *de Villa Hermosa*, encamped at *Itre*, and from thence marched on Saturday to *Revet*, the better to cover the Siege; but upon notice that the French were moving from *Aeth*, and had advanced as far as *Chasteau* and *St Denis*, his Excellency decamped again, and on Sunday marched to *Thimeau* and *Fiveile*; the French Army having also decamped and advanced the same day betwixt *Mariemont* and *Binch*, where they still continue a Garison. Upon this motion of the Enemy, it was at first resolved that his Excellency should take the Post of *Pieton*; but the French continuing their march on Sunday night, and passing the *Sambre* yesterday morning early at *la Buffiere*, our Generals thought fit to alter their resolution, and his Excellency decamped last night, in order to his passing the *Sambre* at *Chastelet*, to coast the Enemy that way, and to observe their motions more nearly; and this evening we are told, that both Armies are within a League of each other. This march of the French will not only hinder our Army from Foraging betwixt the *Sambre* and *Meuse*, but will also cover their Garisons of *Philipville*, *Marienbourg*, &c. and we likewise suspect, that the Duke of *Luxembourg* being in a Country surrounded with Woods, where his Cavalry will be able to do little service, will detache a great part of them towards the *Meuse*, to prevent the excursion of the Duke of *Lorrains* Troops from *Mouson*. Yesterday Lieutenant-General *Agourto* came hither with a great detachement from the Army, to con-

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